

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An appliance, comprising:

an elongated light source; and

a housing, the housing having an elongated cavity extending along at least a portion of the housing for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and which extends to an outer surface of the housing.

2. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the housing includes a second material that is substantially non-transparent.

3. An appliance according to claim 2 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by the second substantially non-transparent material.

4. An appliance according to claim 2 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material is at least partially reflective.

5. An appliance according to claim 4 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material includes a surface that is shaped to reflect light toward the outer surface of the housing.

6. An appliance according to claim 5 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material includes a surface that is parabolic in shape.

7. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the first at least partially transparent material is shaped to form a lens at or near the outer surface of the housing.

8. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the appliance produces one or more signals, and a controller controls the elongated light source using one or more of the signals.

9. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

10. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the cavity is a closed cavity.

11. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the cavity is an open cavity.

12. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the appliance is a portable music producing device.

13. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the appliance is a stereo component.

14. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the appliance is a household

appliance.

15. An appliance according to claim 14 wherein the appliance is a kitchen appliance.

16. An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the appliance is a communications appliance.

17. An appliance according to claim 16 wherein the communications appliance is a phone.

18. A toy, comprising:

an elongated light source; and

an outer shell, the outer shell having an elongated cavity extending along at least a portion of the outer shell for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent.

19. A toy according to claim 18 wherein the toy is a toy sword.

20. A toy according to claim 18 wherein the toy is a toy vehicle.

21. A toy according to claim 18 wherein the toy is a board game.